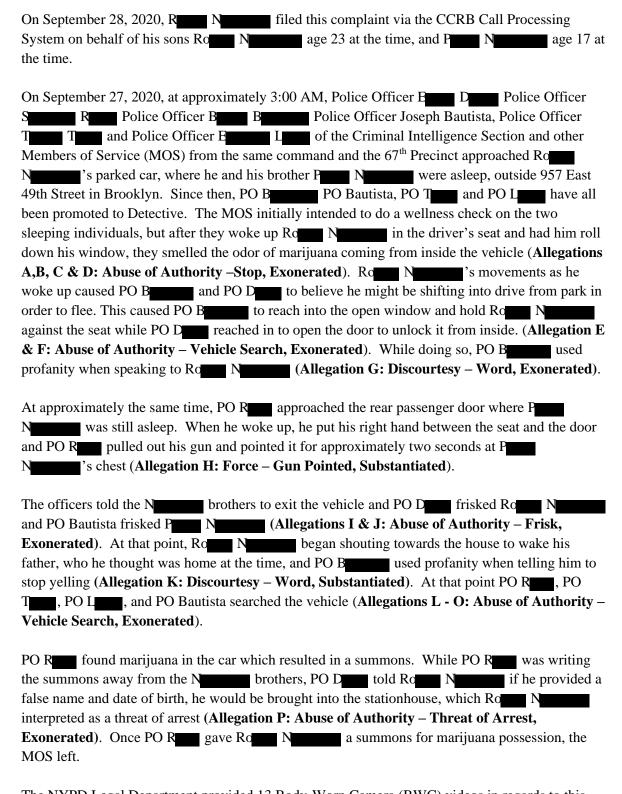
CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	M	Force		Discour	t. U.S.
Nicholas Venduras		Squad #7	202006527	I^{-}	Abuse		O.L.	☐ Injury
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Incident Date(s)		18 Mo. SOL	EO SOL	Lo	cation of	Incide	ent:	Precinct:
Sunday 09/27/2020 3:08 AM		03-27-2022	05-04-2022		Eas	t 49th	Street	67
Date/Time CV Reported		CV Reported At:	How CV Reported	l:	Date/Tim	e Rec	eived at Co	CRB
Mon, 09/28/2020 11:49 AM		CCRB	Call Processing System		Mon, 09/	28/202	20 11:49 A	AM
Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Ad	dress					
1. R N	Comp/W	itness East 4	9th Street Brooklyn N	Y 1	1203			
2. Ro N	Victim	<u> </u>						
3. P N	Victim	Victim East 49th Street Brooklyn NY 11203						
Witness(es) Home Address								
1. A East 49th Street Brooklyn NY 11203								
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command					
1. POM E			INT CIS					
2. POM S			INT CIS					
3. POM E			INT CIS					
4. POM Joseph Bautista	00113	954534	INT CIS					
5. POM B			INT CIS					
6. POM T			INT CIS					
Witness Officer(s)	Shield N	o Tax No	Cmd Name					
1. POM D			067 PCT					
2. POF J			067 PCT					
3. POM F			INT CIS					
4. POM V			INT CIS					
5. POM E			INT CIS					
6. SGT D			INT CIS					
7. LT J G			067 PCT					
8. POM A			INT CIS					
Officer(s)	Allegation	on			Inv	estiga	ator Reco	ommendation
A . POM E	Abuse of Ro	Authority: Police O	fficer B D sto	ppec	d A.	Exor	nerated	
B . POM S	Abuse of R	Abuse of Authority: Police Officer S R stopped B . Exonerated R N						
C . POM E	Abuse of P	Abuse of Authority: Police Officer B D stopped C . Exonerated P N						
D . POM S	Abuse of P	Authority: Police O	fficer S R	stopp	ped D.	Exor	nerated	
E . POM B		Authority: Police Of the vehicle in which.		s an	Ε.	Exon	erated	

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
F. POM E	Abuse of Authority: Police Officer B D searched the vehicle in which Roll N was an occupant.	F. Exonerated
G . POM B	Discourtesy: Police Officer B B spoke discourteously to Ro N	G . Exonerated
H . POM S	Force: Police Officer S R pointed his gun at P N	H . Substantiated
I . POM E	Abuse of Authority: Police Officer E	I . Exonerated
J. POM Joseph Bautista	Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Joseph Bautista frisked	J. Exonerated
K . POM B	Discourtesy: Police Officer B spoke discourteously to Roll N	K . Substantiated
L. POM S	Abuse of Authority: Police Officer S R searched the vehicle in which Roll N was an occupant.	L . Exonerated
M . POM T	Abuse of Authority: Police Officer T T searched the vehicle in which Roll N was an occupant.	M . Exonerated
N . POM E	Abuse of Authority: Police Officer E Lass searched the vehicle in which Roll News was an occupant.	N . Exonerated
O . POM Joseph Bautista	Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Joseph Bautista searched the vehicle in which Roll News was an occupant.	O . Exonerated
P. POM E	Abuse of Authority: Police Officer E D threatened to arrest Roman N	P. Exonerated

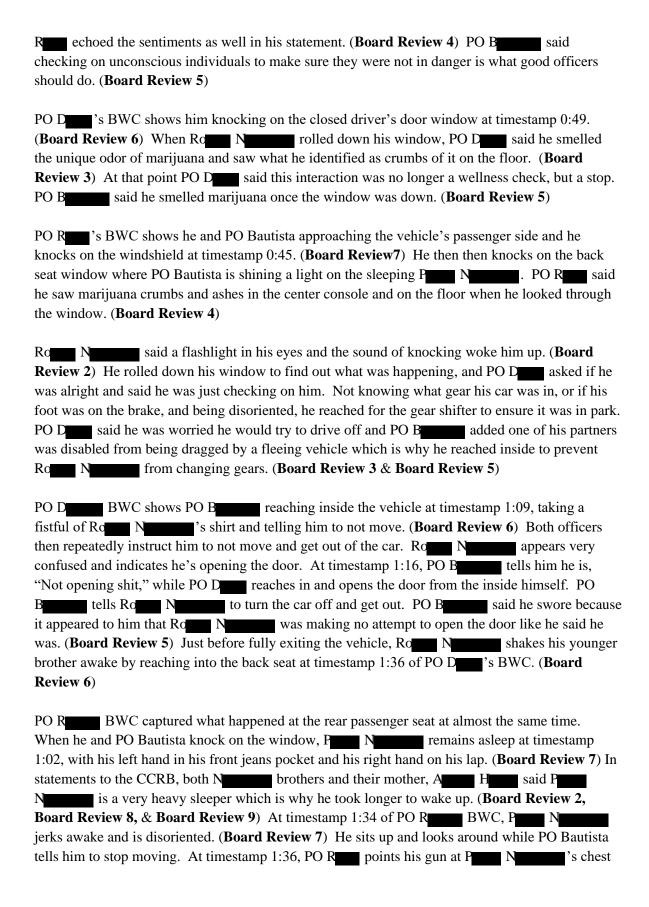
Case Summary



The NYPD Legal Department provided 13 Body-Worn Camera (BWC) videos in regards to this incident. (Board Review 1)

Findings and Recommendations

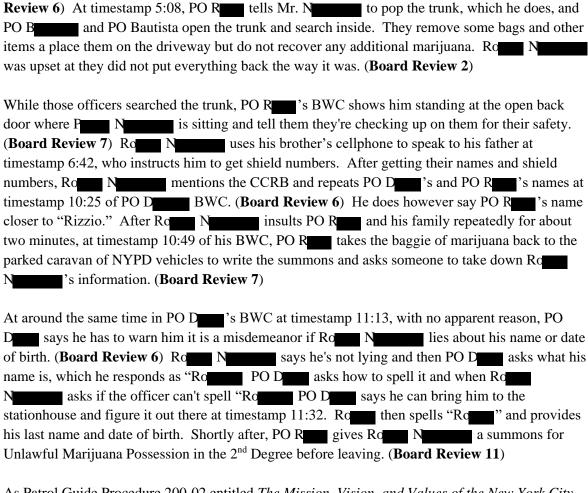
Allegation A: Abuse of Authority: Police Officer E	Stopped Ro
Allegation B: Abuse of Authority: Police Officer S	R stopped R N
Allegation C: Abuse of Authority: Police Officer E	D stopped P N
Allegation D: Abuse of Authority: Police Officer S	R stopped P N
Allegation E: Abuse of Authority: Police Officer B	B searched the vehicle in
which Ro was an occupant.	
Allegation F: Abuse of Authority: Police Officer E	D searched the vehicle in which
New Was an occupant.	
Allegation G: Discourtesy: Police Officer B	spoke discourteously to Ro
<u>N</u>	
Allegation H: Force: Police Officer S poi	nted his gun at P
Allegation I: Abuse of Authority: Police Officer E	frisked Ro
Allegation J: Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Joseph	Bautista frisked P
Allegation K: Discourtesy: Police Officer B	spoke discourteously to Ro
N	
Allegation L: Abuse of Authority: Police Officer S	R searched the vehicle in
which Ro was an occupant.	
Allegation M: Abuse of Authority: Police Officer T	searched the vehicle in which
was an occupant.	
Allegation N: Abuse of Authority: Police Officer E	L searched the vehicle in
which Ro was an occupant.	
Allegation O: Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Joseph	h Bautista searched the vehicle in
which Roman Name was an occupant.	
Allegation P: Abuse of Authority: Police Officer E	threatened to arrest Ro
N	
At the time of the incident, Roll North a rapper, red smoker, told the CCRB he and Political just return They had spent the night at a recording studio with Roll marijuana but said they did not smoke any in his car afterwhome, with plans to drop Political North off and when should call. It being so late, Political fell into a de Roll North backed into his family's driveway and in waiting for his girlfriend to call.	ned home in his car. (Board Review 2) New girlfriend smoking wards. They dropped his girlfriend off at he was ready to come out again, she eep sleep in the back passenger seat.
PO Description said he was in a patrol caravan of about three or in another vehicle announced over the radio the North of their home. (Board Review 3) Wanting to make sure the needed medical attention, they determined to check on their gunshot wounds, overdoses, or diabetic comas as reasons we have the companion of the compan	brothers were passed out in a car in from hey were alright, as they might have m. He listed potential scenarios of



hand!" PO Research while P N did not appear to be awake, he considered the possibility the teenager was only feigning sleep and was perhaps lying in wait to ambush the officers. (Board **Review 4)** PO Residual said could not see P Name and 's hands fully as one was in his pants. When he did appear to wake up, PO R said he looked startled and put his hands down between the seat and the door. At the same time, he heard other officers shouting that he was moving, and thought P N may have been reaching for a knife or a gun so he unholstered his firearm and pointed it at him. He justified this by describing the neighborhood as dangerous – known for frequent gun and gang violence – and he has responded to that street, but not necessarily that block, before for reports of shots fired. From the beginning of the year to when PO R made his statement, he said the East Flatbush area had 22 incidents of gun violence. Just prior to his interview, not only was someone shot in that precinct, but he also recovered another gun himself. He also said one of his responsibilities is to return home safely at the end of his tour. He said he chose to point his firearm rather than other less lethal equipment like his conducted electrical weapon (CEW) because the window was blocking P rendered such methods ineffective. He also said he was trained to use a higher level of force than what a potentially violent civilian would use. Once PO Record's firearm is holstered, PO Bautista opens Person Newson's door at timestamp 1:42 and tells him to step out. (Board Review 10) Upon exiting the vehicle, both brothers were frisked. PO Bautista's BWC shows him frisking P N at timestamp 2:07 and PO Description of the Property of the vehicle. (Board Review 6 & Board Review 10). Neither officer puts their hands inside any pockets or clothes. According to Roll N he did his best to make as much noise as possible by yelling and knocking on his home's window in order to wake up his parents and anyone else in the neighborhood because he feared for his safety. (Board Review 2) At the time, he did not know his father was not home. At timestamp 2:31 of PO Decei's BWC, PO Beauty warns him once to stop screaming and when he bangs in the window, PO Beautiful tells him to "stop fucking moving." (Board Review 6) PO Beassess said the word "fucking" just came out in the moment. (Board **Review 5**) Roll News tells him he wants people to see this. He also says he doesn't care that the officers detect marijuana in his car. (**Board Review 6**) At that point PO R PO L and PO T searched the vehicle. PO R searched the front and back passenger area and recovered a plastic baggie of marijuana in the back door handle and evidence of marijuana packaging in the glove compartment such as other unused baggies with the word "cannabis" printed on them. (Board Review 7) In his statement, Roll N PO Remark found about \$5.00 worth of marijuana. (**Board Review 2**)

through the window for about two seconds while saying, "Don't reach!" and "Let me see your

Once the officers searching the vehicle are finished, PO Described tells the Newscard brothers to get back in the car at timestamp 4:56 of his BWC and they return to their original seats. (**Board**



As Patrol Guide Procedure 200-02 entitled *The Mission, Vision, and Values of the New York City Police Department* commands, officers are to protect the lives and property of fellow citizens.

(Board Review 12) If that is their primary objective, they would have had reasonable motives to approach a vehicle with two apparently unconscious individuals inside. As the three MOS interviewed stated, they wanted to make sure they were not injured or in need of some other assistance. However, once they neared the vehicle, they detected marijuana, which was still illegal at the time in New York State. Roll admitted to having smoked marijuana earlier that night and even if the New brothers did not, as he said, smoke inside the car, their clothes and persons would have likely retained the specific odor of marijuana. The marijuana found inside the vehicle would have also likely emanated an odor.

According to Patrol Guide Procedure 212-11, a stop, which would establish to a reasonable person they were not free to leave, "may be conducted only when a police officer has an individualized reasonable suspicion that the person stopped has committed, is committing, or is about to commit a felony or Penal Law misdemeanor." (**Board Review 13**) As per PG 200-02, the officers were obligated to check on the sleeping National brothers as part of their mission to protect the lives of New Yorkers, but once they smelled the odor of marijuana, they were justified in stopping them since it was still illegal to possess. It is therefore recommended that **Allegations A, B, C,** and **D** be **exonerated**.

Furthermore, *People v McLaren*, *131 A.D.3d 548*, determined that probable cause exists for the warrantless search of the defendant's vehicle and its occupants due to the "odor of marihuana emanating from a vehicle, when detected by an officer qualified by training and experience to recognize it," (*People v Cuffie*, *109 AD3d 1200*, *1201*, *972 NYS2d 383 [2013]* [internal quotation marks omitted]; *People v Robinson*, *103 AD3d 421*, *959 NYS2d 188 [2013]*; *People v Smith*, *66 AD3d 514*, *887 NYS2d 562 [2009]*). (**Board Review 14**) Since PO December PO Beautiful and PO had a reasonable belief marijuana, which was still illegal at the time, was inside the vehicle, based on what they smelled and saw, *People v McLaren* would have given officers a legitimate reason to search the vehicle and frisk the occupants. It is therefore recommended **Allegations E, F, I, J, L, M, N,** and **O** be **exonerated**.

Patrol Guide Procedure 221-01 also tells MOS to protect human life and continues with, "drawing a firearm prematurely or unnecessarily limits a uniformed member's options in controlling a situation and may result in an unwarranted or accidental discharge of the firearm. The decision to display or draw a firearm should be based on an articulatable belief that the potential for serious physical injury is present." (**Board Review 15**) Deadly force can only be used "to protect MOS and/or the public from imminent serious physical injury or death."

Possible Name of sections did not indicate he posed a serious and imminent physical threat to PO Record or his fellow officers. Based on PO Record's BWC, Possible Name simply appears to be a confused teenager being startled awake by a caravan's worth of police officers. While his hand did disappear from view momentarily, PO Record's reasons for pointing his gun at Possible Name 's chest, such as not knowing what he was doing, do not rise to the level of an imminent threat and the infamous reputation of the neighborhood is irrelevant to what took place in the Name driveway. His use of potential deadly force was unjustifiable, and it is therefore recommended that **Allegation H** be **substantiated**.

In DCT Case #79627/04 Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Trial, R W. Vinal, ruled, "When a police officer uses an otherwise impolite word during a stressful street encounter where that officer is attempting to maintain control of the situation, the police officer's verbal slip does not rise to the level of actionable misconduct." (Board Review 16) When PO B said Roll N wasn't "opening shit," the situation was at a level of stress where such language would arguably be acceptable. Both he and PO D expressed a reasonable fear of Roll N being able to quickly attempt to flee and PO B was trying to control the situation. It is therefore recommended that Allegation G be exonerated.

While it may have been reasonable for him to use profanity at that point, PO Barrell's statement of "Stop fucking moving" was not said during an especially stressful portion of the encounter.

Roll Name was not resisting the officers, nor was he making himself a threat and he had already been frisked. He may have repeatedly called out, but the situation was under control and did not appear to rise to the level of stress needed to justify PO Barrell to swear at him. It is therefore recommended that **Allegation K** be **substantiated**.

Patrol Guide Procedure 209-03 instructs officers on issuing summonses. (**Board Review 17**) When doing so, officers are required to establish the violator's identity and mailing address via valid identification documents such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, a passport, naturalization papers, etc. If someone does not have a valid form of ID, the Patrol Guide tells officers to "remove the violator to the command" to establish identification.

PO Description correctly warned Rose New if he did not provide his proper name and date of birth that he could, as per the Patrol Guide, take him to the stationhouse to identify him there. This was not an idle threat, but a fact, and therefore not misconduct. Based on the above, it is recommended that **Allegation P** be **exonerated**.

Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

- PO E has been a member of service for nine years and has been the subject in nine other CCRB complaints and 10 other allegations, none of which were substantiated. PO D CCRB history does not reflect any apparent patterns pertinent to this investigation. (Board Review 18)
- PO Secretary Representation has been a member of service for eight years and has been the subject in eight other CCRB complaints and 32 other allegations, none of which were substantiated (Board Review 19):
 - PO Record CCRB history reflects a pattern of Guns Pointed, Vehicle Stops,
 Vehicle Searches, and refusals to provide name pertinent to this investigation.
- Det. Beautiful has been a member of service for eight years and has been the subject in five other CCRB complaints and seven other allegations, none of which were substantiated (**Board Review 20**):
 - Det. Beginn 's CCRB history reflects a pattern of vehicle searches and discourteous words pertinent to this investigation.
- Det. Joseph Bautista has been a member of service for eight years and has been the subject in eight other CCRB complaints and 28 other allegations, none of which were substantiated (Board Review 21):
 - Det. Bautista's CCRB history reflects a pattern of searches of people and vehicle searches pertinent to this investigation.
- Det. The has been a member of service for six years and has been the subject in 14 other CCRB complaints and 44 other allegations, four of which were substantiated (Board Review 22):
 - 201710160 involved allegations of Abuse Vehicle Search against Det. T
 The Board recommended Command Discipline B and the NYPD imposed
 Formalized Training.
 - 201805712 involved allegations of Force Physical, Discourtesy Action and Discourtesy Word against Det. The Board recommended Command Discipline B and the NYPD imposed no penalty.
 - Det. Temperature CCRB history reflects a pattern of vehicle searches pertinent to this investigation.

Det. E has been a member of service for five years and has been the subject in six other CCRB complaints and 17 other allegations, none of which were substantiated (Board Review 23): o Det. Lace CCRB history reflects a pattern of vehicle searches pertinent to this investigation. This is the first CCRB complaint to which R has been a party. (Board Review 24) This is the first CCRB complaint to which Ro has been a party. (**Board** Review 25) has been a party. (**Board** This is the first CCRB complaint to which P Review 26) **Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories** None of the victims accepted mediation. On August 2, 2021, a Notice of Claim inquiry was sent to the NYC Office of the Comptroller. On August 9, 2021, the NYC Office of the Comptroller stated no notices of claim filed by or on behalf of Ro or P N were located for this incident. (Board Review 27) According to the Office of Court Administration (OCA), Roll N has no history of convictions in New York City. (Board Review 28) According to the Office of Court Administration (OCA), P has no history of convictions in New York City. (Board Review 29) Squad No.: 7 Investigator: Nicholas Venduras Inv. Nicholas Venduras October 5, 2021 Print Title & Name Signature Date Manager Vanessa Rosen October 5, 2021 Squad Leader: _ Signature Print Title & Name Date

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